

REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 12, 16-21 and 23 are now pending in the application. Claim 22 has been cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 3-5, 12, 16 and 17-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kameya et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,588). Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have reverted the claim language of Claim 3 to the prior wording ("directly attached" in place of "affixed"). Thus Claims 3-5 should now be in a condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kameya et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,128,588). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendment made to parent Claim 3, it is submitted that Claim 23 is now in a condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have amended the base claim 19 to include the limitations of claim 22. Therefore, claim 19 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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